

FOREWORD

BACKGROUND AND ORGANIZATION

This document summarizes and highlights the programs of the Department of the Interior and its fiscal year 2008 President's budget request. It has been prepared for Members of Congress, congressional committees, and their staffs; Departmental and other Federal government officials; the press; and private citizens interested in the Department's programs.

The **DEPARTMENTAL OVERVIEW** section summarizes budgetary resource requirements at the Departmental level. The **DEPARTMENTAL HIGHLIGHTS** section presents major Department-wide programs and budget proposals. The **BUREAU HIGHLIGHTS** section presents a narrative summary of the budget request for each bureau and an in-depth comparison in tabular form of 2006, 2007, and 2008 budgetary resource estimates, in addition to brief descriptions of programmatic changes. The **APPENDICES** present tabular summaries of pertinent budgetary data. Appendix A is a Department-wide table, comparing 2008 requests with the 2007 continuing resolution and 2006 actual amounts. Appendix B presents a crosswalk of 2008 funding to the strategic plan end outcome goals. Other appendices contain summaries of Interior bureau maintenance, construction, and land acquisition programs; cooperative conservation programs; Everglades watershed restoration; invasive species; recreational fee programs; energy programs; mineral revenue payments to States; other grant and payment programs; receipt estimates; and staffing levels.

USAGE AND TERMINOLOGY

All years referenced are fiscal years unless noted, and amounts presented reflect budget authority unless otherwise specified. Numbers in tables and graphs may not add to totals because of rounding. Numbers shown in brackets [] are displayed for informational purposes and not included in totals.

Throughout this document, at the bureau level and account level, 2007 funding is presented at the annual rate provided under the authority of the third fiscal year 2007 Continuing Resolution, P.L. 109-383, effective through February 15, 2007. At more detailed levels of the budget structure (activity, subactivity, budget element, budget sub-element), line items are presented at the 2007 President's budget level, with non-add amounts presented at the activity level conveying the impact of the continuing resolution. References to **2006 estimate**, **2006 appropriations**, or **2006 enacted** signify amounts appropriated primarily in the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006, P.L. 109-54, and the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2006, P.L. 109-103. **Fixed costs** refer to costs that are unavoidable in the short term (e.g., GSA-negotiated space rate costs, unemployment compensation, and government-wide changes in pay). Additional information on the basis for the amounts used in this document is provided in the note following Appendix A.

A listing of frequently used acronyms follows:

BLM	Bureau of Land Management	OIG	Office of Inspector General
MMS	Minerals Management Service	OST	Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians
OSM	Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement	NIGC	National Indian Gaming Commission
CUPCA	Central Utah Project Completion Act	DWP	Department-wide Programs
USGS	U.S. Geological Survey	PILT	Payments in Lieu of Taxes
FWS	Fish and Wildlife Service	NBC	National Business Center
NPS	National Park Service	NRDAR	Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration
BIA	Bureau of Indian Affairs	FCI	Facility Condition Index
BIE	Bureau of Indian Education	GPRA	Gov't. Performance and Results Act
OS	Office of the Secretary	LWCF	Land and Water Conservation Fund
DO	Departmental Offices	PART	Program Assessment Rating Tool
OIA	Office of Insular Affairs		
SOL	Office of the Solicitor		